

## RUSSIAN WARSHIPS ARE BOTTLED UP

A Cordon of the German War Fleet is Barring Their Egress Either North or South

### GERMAN DREADNOUGHT SUNK CRUISER SLAVA

Moon Island Fell to the Germans and the Russians Took Refuge in Moon Island Sound—There Has Been Mutiny in the German Fleet and Also in the Austrian Fleet in the Adriatic Sea—German Sailors at Ostend are Said to Have Thrown One of Their Officers Overboard—In a Fight Between Austrians and Germans in the Adriatic Sea Several Men on Both Sides Were Killed

Apparently contingents of the Russian fleet—in all about twenty warships of various classes—are bottled up in Moon Island, with a cordon of German war craft barring their egress northward back into the Gulf of Finland or to the south into the Gulf of Riga.

Brave, but outclassed by reason of superior gun range and heavier tonnage, the Russians gave battle to the Germans and attempted to force back the enemy armada off Oesel Island. Standing far outside the shell zone of the Russians, however, the guns of the German dreadnoughts sank the battleship Slava—a relic of the days before the Russo-Japanese war—and so badly damaged other units that the Russian flotilla was forced to seek refuge in Moon Sound—lying between Moon Island and the Estonian coast. Immediately seeing their advantage, the Germans, according to the latest German official communication, began intensive operations against Moon Island, hammering its eastern shore batteries until they were silenced, and also attacking the Russian guns on the mainland, putting them out of action.

Moon Island was captured and the Russians took refuge inside Moon Sound. Thereupon the Germans threw warships to the eastern part of Kasnar Bay, lying north of Moon Island, barring exit from the northern entrance to Moon Sound and also rushing contingents to the south of Moon Island, apparently closing the passage to the south into the Gulf of Riga.

Already the Germans have attempted to advance from the north into Moon Sound, but the Russian guns have held them back. Among the German warships attacking the old line vessels of the Russian fleet were at least two dreadnoughts of the Grosser Kurier type, equipped with 11-inch guns, and against 13,510 tons for the Slava. A majority of the crew of the Slava was saved by Russian torpedo boats when the vessel took its final plunge.

With this advantage the German

### LIBERTY LOAN NEARING TWO BILLION MARK.

Government After Pro-German Workers Who Are Opposing It

Washington, Oct. 18.—The government today set in motion the machinery to suppress and punish pro-German workers who have started an organized campaign in more than a dozen states to defeat the Liberty loan.

The nation's answer to the abortive efforts of the pro-German campaign was the greatest single day's subscription since the campaign started. Officials estimate that nearly \$1,750,000, 600 of the loan has been subscribed and heavy sales are reported in prospect for the closing days of the drive.

Reports to the treasury from many sections indicate that the alleged plot to not only fail but to actively obstruct the subscription has been foiled. The official figures follow: Boston, \$5,000,000; New York, \$10,000,000; Philadelphia, \$2,345,000; Cleveland, \$955,300; Richmond, \$34,470,000; Atlanta, \$8,689,000; Chicago, \$91,279,000; St. Louis, \$7,354,850; Minneapolis, \$25,500,000; Kansas City, \$7,197,000; Dallas, \$6,830,000; San Francisco, \$39,040,150.

### NAVY DEPARTMENT CABLED FOR DETAILS

Of Encounter Between U-Boat and American Destroyer

Washington, Oct. 18.—The navy department cabled Admiral Sims today for a detailed account of the encounter between a submarine and an American destroyer in which the latter received the first hit scored by the Germans against an American warship.

The brief statement given out last night contained all the information that has reached the department, with the exception of the name of the vessel, withheld for military reasons.

From the fact that the destroyer was able to make port with only one killed and five slightly wounded, officers here believe that the torpedo probably struck her far forward, so that the narrow forward bulkhead held and kept out the sea. The construction of these vessels is such that if one were hit amidships she probably would break in two.

### PITTSFIELD, MASS., EXCEEDS LIBERTY LOAN ALLOTMENT

Concerted Campaign Closed Last Night With \$4,815,501

Pittsfield, Mass., Oct. 18.—Fire alarm and church bells announced tonight that the Pittsfield district had exceeded its maximum allotment of \$3,880,000 in Liberty bonds subscription. A concerted campaign closed tonight with subscriptions of \$4,815,501. The minimum allotment was \$2,386,000.

### ADOLPH GERMER, SOCIALIST, ACQUITTED AT GRAND RAPIDS.

Chicago Man and Ten Other Socialists Were Accused of Conspiracy

Grand Rapids, Mich., Oct. 18.—Adolph Germer of Chicago, executive secretary of the national socialist party, and ten other persons were acquitted by a jury in the United States district court here this evening of charges of conspiracy against the selective draft.

All the defendants were tried together. With the exception of Germer, who was charged with the conspiracy, all were residents of this city. Nine of them were members of the socialist party.

The charge against them was the preparation and circulation of literature intended to induce young men not to register. The jury in its verdict declared that this was not the purpose of the literature and that there had been no conspiracy.

### CONSCIENTIOUS OBJECTORS CONVICTED OF CONSPIRACY

Louis C. Fraina and Ralph E. Cheney of New York

New York, Oct. 18.—Louis C. Fraina and Ralph E. Cheney, members of a conscientious objectors society, were today convicted on a charge of conspiracy to obstruct the selective draft act. They are liable to imprisonment for two years with fines of \$10,000.

Cheney is a son of Professor Edward Cheney of the University of Pennsylvania. Fraina is a Russian. They were arrested by federal authorities at a meeting here September 27, where, it is charged, Cheney acted as chairman and Fraina made an inflammatory address. They will be sentenced Monday.

### TEN STRIKING MINERS ARRESTED IN INDIANA

Charged With "Holding Up the Production of Coal"

Indiana, Pa., Oct. 18.—Ten striking miners of the Pennard coal company were arrested today by the sheriff of Indiana county and troops of the state constabulary technically charged with "holding up the production of coal," according to information which reached here this afternoon from Armerford, Pa.

### OBITUARY.

Dr. James H. Darling, Thompsonville, Conn., Oct. 18.—Dr. James H. Darling, for more than 40 years practicing medicine here and dean of the medical profession in the town of Enfield, died at his home here today, aged 80 years. He was born at Cambridge, Vt. During the Civil war he served as assistant surgeon in the East Gulf squadron of the federal navy.

### Cabled Paragraphs

**French Lost Two Merchantmen.**—Paris, Oct. 18.—One merchantman of more than 1,000 tons and one of less than that size, were sunk by submarines or mines in the week ended October 14. Arrivals at French ports numbered 855 and clearances 849. Five vessels were attacked unsuccessfully.

**Losses to Italian Shipping.**—Rome, Oct. 18.—The losses to Italian shipping through submarines for the week ending October 14 on all seas were four steamships, 1,000 tons; one packet boat and one sailing vessel escaped attacks.

### NEW YORK SCHOOL CHILDREN RIOTOUS.

Investigating "Strong Sinister Influence" Back of the Strike.

New York, Oct. 18.—Full investigation of what has termed the "strong sinister influence" back of the strike of school children of this city against the so-called Gary system will be made by the board of education, according to an announcement made tonight by President William G. Willcox after he had received reports of rioting during the day in which crowds of pupils stoned school buildings in Harlem and the Bronx. The Gary system has been made a political issue in the municipal campaign. It has been endorsed by Mayor Mitchell and is opposed by John F. Hyland, the democratic candidate.

Parents of the children received the opportunity tonight to state their grievances before the members of the board of education at several meetings held in the affected districts. Moving pictures depicting various phases of the Gary plan were shown at the meetings.

Two of ten boys arrested during the rioting today were fined and the others were paroled for examination Monday.

### PROBABLY FATALLY SHOT BY DROPPING REVOLVER.

Mrs. Elbridge G. Barrett of Wallingford Was Handing It to Her Husband

Wallingford, Conn., Oct. 18.—While packing up household goods preparatory to removal to New York, Mrs. Elbridge G. Barrett was accidentally shot here this afternoon by a revolver in the New Haven hospital, where her recovery is not expected. The injury was received when the woman, in handing a pistol to her husband, fell and the weapon was discharged. A bullet entered the left side of her neck and passed through to the right side, causing almost complete paralysis.

Mrs. Barrett is 45 years old and the wife of a chauffeur employed by Mrs. P. E. Foster of New York, who has a summer home here. The Barretts were getting ready to return to New York with Mrs. Foster.

### AMMONIA TANK EXPLODED IN NEW YORK CITY

Every Occupant of a 40-Family Apartment House Was Overcome

New York, Oct. 18.—Virtually every occupant of a forty-family apartment house, many residents of adjoining buildings and several firemen and policemen were overcome by ammonia fumes here tonight when an ammonia tank exploded in the basement of the building. The explosion was so great that the condition of some of those overcome is reported to be critical.

The tank was the property of the owner of a contract to store and deliver ammonia in the basement of the apartment house. The force of the explosion was so great that several customers in the store were hurled into the street.

### TAMMANY LEADERS' FORECAST OF ELECTION

Says Contest Lies Between Hyland and Hillquit

New York, Oct. 18.—Charles F. Murphy, head of Tammany Hall, declared tonight after receiving reports from the leaders of every assembly district in the greater city that the contest for mayor lies between John F. Hyland, the democratic candidate, and Morris Hillquit, the socialist nominee. Mr. Murphy said the reports, which were gathered in during the day, showed a very heavy trend of voters to Mr. Hillquit not only on the East Side but in all other sections of the city.

### RECRUITING IN MERIDEN FOR PROPOSED POLISH ARMY.

Any Alien of the Polish Race Between 18 and 40 Is Eligible

Meriden, Conn., Oct. 18.—A recruiting center for the proposed Polish army in France was opened in this city today and 40 recruits were secured. Meriden recruiting officers will accept recruits from Meriden, Wallingford, Middletown, and New Britain. Any alien of the Polish race between the ages of 18 and 40 is eligible. The physical examination of the recruits will be held at the city hall. The recruiting depot and Ignace Maranski has been appointed recruiting officer.

### ADAMS EXPRESS EMPLOYEES ARRESTED AT HARTFORD

Charged With Theft of \$200 Each

Hartford, Conn., Oct. 18.—William White, a night messenger and Alfred G. Kann, a clerk, both employed by the Adams Express company here, were arrested today, charged with the theft of \$200 each from the company. The police say that the prisoners admitted the charge and also the theft of goods from the company. White worked on a train running between here and New York and Kann was in the local office. They will be given a hearing in the police court tomorrow.

### BANDITS ACTIVE IN CHIHUAHUA STATE

Roving the Country, Robbing, Looting and Killing

Juarez, Mexico, Oct. 18.—Bandit activities are becoming more numerous in the northern part of Chihuahua state. Armed bands of from fifty to one hundred are roving the country, robbing, looting and killing, while several large bands are operating between here and Chihuahua City. Troops have been sent from here to cope with them.

## Hoover Says Food Prices Should Drop

SAYS CORNER HAS BEEN TURNED IN HIGH COST

### ON ALL THE ESSENTIALS THREATS BEEN MADE

Thus Far Retail Prices Have Not Come Down to Conform to Wholesale Reductions—Calls for Cooperation of All Concerned

Washington, Oct. 18.—Food Administrator Hoover announced today that subject to co-operation from the farmers and the retailers, the corner has now been turned in high prices for food. He said retail prices had not come down to conform to wholesale reductions and that was a matter for public sentiment to correct.

The administrator's statement follows: "The food administration considers that, subject to co-operation from the farmers and the retailers, the corner has now been turned in high prices, and that most of the essential commodities should one after another continue to show reductions between now and the end of the year. The food administration has not control of either the grower or his organizations nor of the great majority of retailers. The foundations have been laid for regulation of the intermediate trades, and where these regulations have come into force and the trades are co-operating nely, considerable results are evident in the wholesale prices.

**Decline in Price of Flour.**—The current prices at which flour is being sold in this city are in just bags vary somewhat with the locality and freight charges on wheat. Today showing the lowest prices at \$10 for first and \$10.10 for second patent, the highest being Buffalo at \$10.70 for first patent and \$10.70 for second patent; Minneapolis being \$10.60 for first patent and \$10.46 for second patent. This shows a large reduction under August prices.

The regulations on the distribution of wheat and the manufacture of flour were put into force the middle of September.

The average retail price on first patents in 736 cities on October 13 was \$13.77 or from \$1.50 to \$2.00 per barrel higher than is warranted by the price being made by the millers. In other words, the retail price has not wholly responded to the reductions made by the millers.

**Great Harvest of Beans.**—The bean harvest this year is estimated by the department of agriculture at approximately 7,000,000 bushels in excess of last year, or nearly double the normal supply. The growers' associations in prominent bean producing states are holding beans for from 12 1/2 to 15 cents per pound against an average price realized by the grower last year of 8 cents per pound. There has been a 50 per cent. increase in the Manchurian bean crop and it is now estimated at 2,000,000 tons. Owing to shipping shortage practically the only beans in the United States are these beans which flow into the American market from December on much below the prices now being demanded for American beans.

**40 Per Cent. Decrease in Price of Cornmeal.**—The corn harvest this year is 600,000,000 to 700,000,000 bushels over last year, and will be generally available about the end of November. The

### URGED TO RELIEVE COAL SHORTAGE IN NEW ENGLAND

Resolutions Adopted at Conference of New England Governors

Boston, Oct. 18.—The national fuel administrator and the priority board were urged to relieve promptly the serious shortage in New England, gravely affecting important war contracts, in resolutions adopted today by a conference of New England governors, senators, congressmen and public safety committees.

The resolutions, which were read by Senator Lodge, said: "Whereas the New England states are now face to face with a serious shortage of coal which, unless remedied, will cause not only a curtailment of industrial production, gravely affecting important war contracts, but may lead to an arrest of commerce and as well as to great suffering among the people.

Therefore, be it resolved, that this conference will do all in its power to aid the fuel administrator of the United States and the priority board in their earnest efforts to perform the difficult and responsible duties with which they are charged and would respectfully urge upon their attention the peril of the coal situation in New England, and earnestly request the fuel administrator and the priority board to do all in their power to give to New England as soon as possible the necessary and most urgent relief in regard to coal, demanded by present conditions."

### SALES OF LIBERTY LOAN BONDS IN NEW ENGLAND

Grand Total in the First Federal District is Now \$115,385,000

Boston, Oct. 18.—Liberty loan subscription reported by banks and cities in the 24 hours ending at 9 a. m. today amounted to \$10,762,000, according to the announcement of the New England committee on the Liberty loan. The total up to \$43,514,000, while the grand total in the first federal reserve district was \$115,385,000.

The following cities reported: New Bedford, \$2,994,000; Worcester, \$2,932,000; Springfield, \$2,633,000; New Haven, Conn., \$2,388,000; Waterbury, Conn., \$1,650,000.

**RED CROSS THEATRICAL DAY POSTPONED**—So as Not to Interfere With the Liberty Loan Campaign.

Washington, Oct. 18.—So that it may not interfere with the second Liberty loan campaign, Red Cross theatrical day has been postponed from October 26 to December 1, making this announcement today the Red Cross war council said the entertainment of many of the theaters throughout the country as well as the salaries of many actors for that day will be contributed to the Red Cross war fund through the efforts of a committee headed by A. L. Erlanger, of New York.

### NEWARK BUILDING TRADES COUNCIL ORDERS STRIKE

Of Workmen Engaged in Construction of a Submarine Plant

Newark, N. J., Oct. 18.—Orders for a general strike of building trades workers engaged in construction work at the plant of the Submarine Boat Corporation at the Port Newark terminal were issued here today by the building trades council. The Lackawanna Bridge company has the contract for construction of the plant and the union's demands are for recognition of the union and a standard wage scale.

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Fire destroyed the flour milling plant of the Acme-Evans Co. at Indianapolis, causing a loss of \$100,000.

Harold H. Bird, of Stoughton, Mass., traveled 2,400 miles from South America to answer the draft call.

Harry B. Jones of Penn. Van, was granted exemption from the draft because of a dependent grandmother.

The U. S. Steel Corporation subscribed to the Liberty loan, making \$25,000,000 in all.

Application for admittance to the Federal Reserve System was filed by the Girard Trust Co. of Philadelphia.

A powerful new wireless station, which will rank with the one at Arlington, Va., will be erected at Annapolis.

Russia regards the Kaiser's peace offer as "hypocritical, enigmatic and even contrary to the Reichstag resolutions."

Secretary of the Navy Daniels appointed 950 enlisted men of the navy to be temporary warrant officers for the war.

A Harvard-Yale military review, in place of the annual football game, in the Yale Bowl in November, is being considered.

The steamer Themis, of 7,402 tons, was sunk by a German submarine. It was the largest ship flying the Norwegian flag.

An intimation that the Government might conscript money was seen in Secretary McAdoo's parting message to San Diegans.

A new parliamentary group was formed in Italy, consisting of 40 members, partisans of Giolitti, who was opposed to the war.

The Philippine Congress opened. Its first act was the passage of a resolution endorsing the cause of the United States in the war.

Internal revenue agents reported that evasions by the munitions makers, the country had a 10 per cent. tax, total \$17,600,000 so far.

William Marshall, aged 27, was shot and killed in Italy, was maintained by David Holdrum of Darlington, who mistook him for a deer.

The Duke of Connaught, former governor-general of Canada, has consented to become the head of the American Officers' Club in London.

Demands for silver have been increased so greatly that all the mints in the country are working on a 24-hour basis for the first time.

Members of the Harvard Reserve Officers' Training Corps, who have had a year's training, will serve as instructors at the army camps.

Importers in Canada say that if there is no relief in the embargo on corn from the United States within ten days the supply will be exhausted.

A monument erected by the state of Ohio to Ohio troops, who fought at Lookout Mountain, was dedicated. The monument is near Chattanooga.

General Guertel, former commander of the Russian troops on the southwestern Russian front, has arrived in England. He came aboard a British ship, having embarked at Archangel.

The New York Cotton Exchange will close at noon on Wednesday, October 24, Liberty Loan day. The stock exchange has already taken similar action.

The Daughters of the American Revolution, through the national board of management, announced that \$100,000 would be invested by the organization in Liberty bonds.

Convicted at Cambridge, Mass., of manslaughter for killing his young daughter, Joseph Walcott, a farmer, was sentenced to serve between three and five years in prison.

Secretary Lane returned to Washington tonight suffering from a deep cold, having turned back at Trenton, N. J., and caught a bad time convincing to address a Liberty loan rally at New York.

Leonard M. Reno, of Chicago, attached to a French Escadrille, who was mortally wounded during the war, was buried in France.

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